

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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EXCISE DUTY EARNED FROM PAN MASALA
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of Central Excise earned from Gutkha and Pan Masala companies in last three years, year wise;
- (b) whether it is a decreasing; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the government to ensure all these companies pay their duty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Sir, separate revenue collection data from gutkha and pan masala is not maintained. However, amount of excise duty realized from miscellaneous edible preparations, including pan masala and Chewing tobacco and its preparations and Gutkha is as given in Annexure A.

(b) Excise duty collected from miscellaneous edible preparations, including pan masala has shown increasing trend during the last three years. However, excise duty collected from chewing tobacco and its preparations and gutkha has marginally declined in year 2003-04.

(c) For all the excisable commodities, including pan masala and gutkha, field formations undertake scrutiny of assessments, preventive checks, and audit, to ensure that the duty is correctly paid by the assesses.

ANNEXURE-A

REVENUE EARNED FROM GUTKHA AND PAN MASALA DURING LAST THREE YEARS.

S. No.	Description	Amount of excise duty realized in Rupee crore		
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1.	Budget head 29, which covers sub-heading 2404.41 (Chewing tobacco and its preparations) and 2404.49	Year 2001-02	Year 2002-03	Year 2003-04
		630.70	631.98	613.50

(Gutkha), of
the Central
Excise Tariff.

2.	Budget head 23, which covers chapter 21 of the Central Excise Tariff	366.26	369.58	388.19
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(Miscellaneous
edible
preparations,
including pan

masala)